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NO. RN97075**

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**FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING
DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND
INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM**

the specification of which (check only one item below):

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Serial No. _____

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DATE <i>January 13th, 2000</i>	DATE	DATE

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **Bruno LANGLOIS**, of the City of **SAINTE GENEVIEVE DES BOIS, FRANCE**, and herein after termed the Assignor, is the inventor of certain new and useful improvements in the invention entitled

FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM

as set forth and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, bearing Serial No. _____, filed on _____ which is a National Phase Application of **PCT/FR98/01514**, as filed on **July 10, 1998**, (Assignee empowered to complete this information when ascertained); and

WHEREAS, **RHODIA CHIMIE**, a corporation organized under the laws of France, having its principal place of business at 25, quai Paul Doumer, 92408 COURBEVOIE CEDEX, FRANCE, hereinafter termed the Assignee, desire to acquire said invention;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that I, the Assignor, being under an obligation to assign said invention to **RHODIA CHIMIE**, at the time the invention was made, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto the Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, application and the patent or patents now granted or to be granted thereon in the United States of America.

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AND I, the Assignor, hereby request and authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted on the application to the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name this 1st

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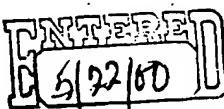
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